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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 5, 2002, said period of response being extended from September 5, 2002 to December 5, 2002.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$460.00 to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.



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